



FEMA

November 9, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader,

On September 30, 2022, President Biden signed into law the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Act as part of the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023, [P.L. 117-180](#), 136 Stat. 2177 (2022). Congress passed the Act to compensate those parties who suffered injury and loss of property from the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire. Under this law, FEMA is required within 45 days to promulgate and publish regulations for the processing and payments of claims under the Act.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security' (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) remains committed to its responsibility to engage in consultation and collaboration with Tribal Nations, consistent with [Executive Order 13175](#), *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, reaffirmed by President Biden's "[Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#)."

Today, FEMA has published an interim final rule pursuant to [P.L. 117-180](#), and has opened a 60 day public comment period. FEMA will host a virtual government-to-government consultation with the Tribal Nations that have been impacted by the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire and whose tribal entities, tribal corporations, or tribal members have been impacted by the fire.

The FEMA virtual tribal consultation on the interim final rule will take place on **December 9, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., MDT**. FEMA understand the importance of hearing from Tribal Nations on national and regional issues, as well as tribal-specific concerns. This tribal consultation will provide an opportunity for FEMA to walk Tribal Nations through the interim final rule and provide Tribal Nations with an opportunity to submit comments to the Agency.

Below you will find the registration link and additional information for the tribal consultation:

- **Day:** Friday, December 9, 2022
- **Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. MDT/3:00– 5:00 p.m. EDT
- [FEMA Tribal Consultation Registration Link](#)
- **Tribal Nation Comment Deadline:** Friday, January 13, 2023
- [FEMA Tribal Consultation Materials:](#)
  - [Interim Final Rule](#)
  - [FEMA Website for Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon](#)

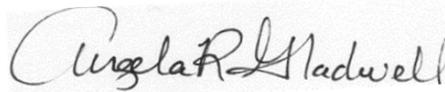
The tribal consultation record will remain open for 35 days after the virtual session for Tribal Nations to submit written comments to FEMA. Tribal Nations can [submit their written](#)

[comments](#) on the interim final rule through the Federal Register online portal by **January 13, 2023**. The interim final rule can be identified by Docket ID number FEMA-2022-0037 under the [Federal Register](#). Please note that your written comments *will be published online* through the public docket.

If you have any questions about submitting comments, please contact: **Paula Gutierrez, Tribal Relations Specialist, FEMA Region 6, [paula.gutierrez@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:paula.gutierrez@fema.dhs.gov)**

Thank you for your interest in the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance interim final rule and for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Gladwell". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Angela Gladwell  
Director  
Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office

cc Tribal Emergency Managers  
FEMA Regional Tribal Liaison Specialists  
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